

**Western Washington University Associated Students
STUDENT SENATE**

Date: May 12, 2021

Attendees: *Rebeca Andrade-Eekhoff, Olivia Chatters, Althea Frye, Ankur Handa, Anna Hedrick, Kendrick Jackson, Connor Johnson, Jasleen Kaur, Marissa McGinnis, Francis Neff, Samia Quidwai, Daniela Reyes, Colton Rommanose. Liz Rosales, Sameer Shorab, Kharma Stambaugh, Aidyn Stevens, Selam Swier, Laura Wagner, A.P. Wang, Sargun Handa, Raquel Vigil, Casey Hayden, Annie Byers, Ruth Flint-Blanchard,*

MOTIONS

ASWWU-21-S-43 To have an E-Vote on Monday the 17th

Sargun Handa, Senate Pro-Tempore, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

III. BSO DEMANDS

- a. Wagner reported that there was an op-ed released by the dean of the College of the Environment regarding the name change, and Wagner, Neff, and Handa met with the dean to discuss concerns. Members of the Executive Board are working on the research question previously discussed and Wagner has provided information for that. She is also working on drafting an email to an anthropology professor who uses Huxley's content in his class and reaching out to the Director of the Institute of Holocaust studies to ask for her input on the Huxley name. Shred the Contract is working on drafting a letter to support the resolution discussed in the current meeting.
- b. Handa reported that there were concerns about the op-ed released by the dean and issues with it threatening BIPOC student safety in the crossfire and she also attended the meeting to discuss the issues and also met with WWU's president about the topic. A resolution will be written with the ASVP of Governmental Affairs to reaffirm the BSO Demand on the topic of the name change for the College of the Environment.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

V. INFORMATION ITEMS – Guests*

- a. ASWWU Resolution in Support of Revamping the 2017 Sustainability Action Plan – Wagner reiterated the background of the Action Plan. Wagner then presented the Action Plan. McGinnis asked about Shred the Contract's role in this. Wagner explained that it is an opportunity to present a letter with other sustainability groups to recognize the unsustainability of Aramark and the goal of self-sustaining dining.

There was a question of how students were selected for the Sustainability Advisory Committee, and the response was that there were 4 At-Large students largely found through students who were already in clubs and working in sustainability.

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By McGinnis

Seconded by A. Handa

Passed 17-0-0

VI. ACTION ITEMS- Guests *

VII. PERSONELL ITEMS

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – Senate*

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS – Senate *

X. CONSENT ITEMS

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII. SENATE REPORTS

- a. Wagner reported that she had taken notes at sustainability meetings and would email them to interested senators. Wagner and Neff are working on the issue of how Sexual Harassment is handled.
- b. The CSE Senator reported that they are trying to get in contact with the NASU.
- c. Stevens reported that the CFPA senators are trying to wrap up work in the DEI committee for the year which should include creating a proposal for the dean's office.
- d. McGinnis reported that Fairhaven has ended their dean search and they are preparing in figuring out how to honor the Fairhaven graduates.
- e. Hedrick reported that she met with Sylvia Cohen, an STC member to learn about the Aramark contract and will be meeting with the Food Services Director and Neff to discuss dining concerns.

XIII. BOARD REPORTS

- a. Handa reported that she and the Board have concerns about the CSE because they redid the graduation requirements for the computer science program which

impacted Junior and Seniors. There are also concerns of unreasonable expectations in the classes.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.